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From the Publisher: DDXD-East is back this week with twice the loggings and twice the fun!

The sun continues to wobble its way in the general vicinity of the solar maximum, which is never good news for MW DXers, but – as Phil Bytheway's compilation indicates, and some of the loggings in this issue show, some relatively quiet conditions opened up towards the end of November. What are you hearing? Your column editors want to know!

We have one more weekly issue before we skip a week for the holidays. Column editors won't be sending in their usual columns on Friday 12/20, *DX News* won't be posted to e-DXN on Saturday 12/21 and won't be arriving in your mailbox on or about Monday 12/30. But we'll be back the following week.

Unreported Stations: Two stations reported to DDXD this week for the first time in the new millennium (i.e., since Volume 67 (1999-2000)). These are WRDN-1430 and WYGH-1440. Still 549 not reported to DDXD; see e-DXN for the latest version of the list.

Tecsun PL-880: In the December 2013 Canadian International DX Club *Messenger*, we read the news that China's maker of outstanding ultralight radios released its newest offering on November 30. CIDXC's Thomas Witherspoon has one already and has been posting his findings online. Amazon has it for \$149 and other sellers can be found on e-Bay. If Santa drops one off for you, let us know your experiences! In the meantime, you can follow <http://swling.com/blog/tag/tecsun-pl-880/>.

NRC/WTFDA Convention 2014: Bids are being accepted for the 2014 NRC/WTFDA annual convention. For information, contact Ernie Wesolowski at NEErnieW@yahoo.com or 13312 Westwood Ln.

Omaha, NE 68144. Ernie can help you evaluate the practical aspects of hosting a convention so that if you decide to make a formal bid you'll have what you need to make that decision.

DX Audio Service: DXAS #347 (December 2013) is out and available at e-DXN.com. If you're an e-DXN subscriber, you can download it and listen at your convenience. Mark Durenberger with DX clips of Canadian stations, a reporter tries to outrun the KMOX signal during a Cardinals World Series game, and much more ... check it out!

Perseus Auction: Congratulations to Janice Saylor of Nashua, NH, the winner of the Perseus auction with a winning bid of \$1150.75. Thanks to all who participated by sending in a bid, and to John Callarman for donating the receiver.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Renewing Members – Thanks to the continued support of Frank Aden, Jr. N7SOK; William Black; Mike Brooker; John Cereghin; Peter Dernbach; Theodore Dillenkofer; Thomas Dunham; Richard L. Evans W3FYD; Kenneth Goldman; Gerard Gonsalves; David Gordon; Russell A. Lay; Michael Manning; Barry McLarnon; Gerald Osborne; Greg Putrich; Bob Rickelman; and Robert Ross.

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AM Switch

Info to David Yocis – 1245 13th St. NW #105, Washington DC 20005 – NRCDXNews@gmail.com

As usual, we'll start out with the latest FCC news:

CALL CHANGE

1080 KUDO AK Anchorage – Call change to KOAN (12/2).



NEW STATION WATCH

CP granted:

1040 CP CA Sanger – Granted CP for new station, U4 250/1000 at 36-43-33/119-27-13. Sanger is located just east of Fresno. Day pattern is a figure-8 with main lobes ENE/SSW and night pattern is a cardioid with a deep null to the east.

CP expired:

1230 WSGD WV Summersville – Application to extend CP deadline was denied; CP expired in October and call letters are deleted.

Petition for reconsideration dismissed:

1160 App MN Braham – The FCC had decided that this application (for U4 5000/2000) had priority over a mutually exclusive application at Kirbyville MO (U4 1000/270); on 12/4 it denied a petition for reconsideration by the Kirbyville applicant. So a CP for Braham may be issued soon.



CHANGES TO EXISTING STATIONS

CP on the air:

1150 KRMS MO Osage Beach – CP for U1 840/55 from a new site is on the air.

CPs built, moving towards licensing:

680 WMFS TN Memphis – Applies for program test authority for CP to U2 8000/5000.
 1240 WFOY FL St. Augustine – Applies for license to cover CP to U1 500/500.
 1590 WCGO IL Evanston – Applies for license to cover CP to U2 7200/2500.

CP granted:

970 KCFO OK Tulsa – Granted CP to modify day pattern, from 6 towers to 2.

Miscellaneous:

1350 KRLC WA Clarkston-Lewiston (ID) – This station with a dual two-state city of license is now listed by the FCC as licensed simply to Lewiston ID.

SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

550 WPAB PR Ponce – Applies for STA for U1 3500/3500, transmitter problems.
 960 KNEB NE Scottsbluff – Granted STA for U3 5000/150 using day pattern at all times.
 990 KTKT AZ Tucson – Applies for STA to use CP pattern while completing final tests.
 1060 KIPA HI Hilo – Applies for STA for U1 2000/2000, transmitter component failure.
 1130 KTCN MN Minneapolis – Applies for STA for pattern at variance.
 1280 WPKZ MA Fitchburg – Granted STA for night pattern at variance.
 1310 WDTW MI Dearborn – Granted STA for U1 900/900 from temporary longwire antenna.
 1460 KENO NV Las Vegas – Applies for STA for U1 2500/155, electrical storm damage.
 1480 WEEO PA Shippensburg – Granted STA for U1 406/9 from temporary antenna.
 1560 WLZR FL Melbourne – Applies for STA for D1 250, vandalism to grounding system.

Applications to extend existing STAs were received from KTRB-860 San Francisco CA (U1 50000/12500 from day site, night site not operational); WNVR-1030 Vernon Hills IL (pattern at variance); WOBN-1160 Lakewood Township NJ (pattern at variance); and WSRQ-1220 Sarasota FL (D1 150 from temporary antenna).

Previously reported applications to extend existing STAs were granted to WNSR-560 Brentwood TN, WMCA-570 New York NY, WDGR-1210 Dahlonega GA, WHJC-1360 Matewan WV, and WZRK-1550 Lake Geneva WI.

SILENT STATIONS

Stations informing the FCC that they are silent:

1310 WDTW MI Dearborn – Silent since 1/1, returned to the air 10/9 with STA (see above) and went silent again on 10/11.
 1370 KTPA AR Prescott – Silent since 11/22, transmitter failure.



- 1430 WPNI MA Amherst – Silent since 11/30, financial issues.
 1490 WTVL ME Waterville – Silent since 11/27, transmitter damage from severe weather.
 Stations informing the FCC that they are no longer silent:
 1310 WDTW MI Dearborn – Not silent.
 1340 KJMU OK Sand Springs – Silent since 12/2/2012, back on the air with CP facilities 11/29.
 1380 WNRR SC North Augusta – Silent since 12/19/2012, back on the air 11/21.

Fines: Licensee of WGRB-1390 Chicago IL and 5 Chicago-area FM stations fined \$20,000 for failure to comply with equal employment opportunity vacancy notice requirements.

CANADA

- 980 CHRF QC Montreal – CP for new station granted move here from 990 kHz, with U4 50000/10000.
 1400 CIOR BC Princeton – Applies to relay CJOR-1240 24/7; apparently it has been doing so for some time but forgot to get CRTC permission to drop local programming.

Wayne's updates for the NRC AM Log:

- 660 WLFJ SC Greenville – Delete // WESC-FM 92.5; group & slogan to // Christian Talk 660.
 730 WTNT VA Alexandria – Format to SS:AC (ex-TLK); group & slogan to // La Capital.
 750 KSEO OK Durant – Adds // K231CE-94.1.
 WPDJ WV Clarksburg – Slogan to "Classic Country Hits 104.9," network to WW1.
 880 KLRG AR Sheridan – Format to GOS (ex-TLK/NOS), delete slogan/nets, add // K233BF-94.5.
 930 WPKX NH Rochester – Slogan to "Sports 930," network to FSR; delete // WMYF-1380.
 980 WRNE FL Gulf Breeze – Slogan to "Choice 980."
 1020 KVNT AK Eagle River – Slogan to "Valley News Talk."
 1080 KOAN AK Anchorage – Format to TLK (ex-SPT), slogan "Hot Talk," networks TBA.
 1140 WRMQ FL Orlando – Adds // W279CO-103.7.
 1160 KCTO MO Cleveland – Slogan to "La Raza."
 1180 KXIQ AR Turrell – Format to NWS/TLK (ex-C&W), networks to MRN/WW1/SRN/TRN.
 WSFM NC Carolina Beach – Networks to DR/DrJ.
 WCRI RI Hope Valley – Format to OLD (ex-CLA), slogan to "Kool 1180," delete // WCRI-FM-95.9.
 1220 WFWL TN Camden – Slogan to "The Catfish," networks to A/WW1.
 1270 WEIC IL Charleston – Unless Eastern Illinois University's football team plays in the FCS National Championship on January 4, this station will go dark January 1.
 1350 WRWR GA Warner Robins – Format to UC:OLD (ex-NWS/SPT); delete slogan, networks.
 1380 WMYF NH Portsmouth – Format to NOS (ex-SPT), slogan to "America's Best Music," network to WW1; delete // WPKX-930.
 1410 WENU NY South Glens Falls – Format to SPT (ex-C&W), slogan to "CBS Sports 1410," networks to CS/Jr.
 1420 WJUB WI Plymouth – Format to XMAS (ex-NOS).
 1490 WDUR NC Durham – Adds // W221DC-92.1.
 1540 KXEL IA Waterloo – Format to NWS/TLK (ex-NWS/TLK/REL).
 1630 KRND WY Fox Farm – Adds // K223CJ-92.5.



New Groups

// Christian Talk 660 – WLFJ-660, W225AZ-92.9, W287CH-105.3
 // La Capital – WTNT-730, W275BO, W249BE-97.5

Talk Host News from Radio Insight

"The New York Daily News is reporting that disgraced congressman Anthony Weiner is in negotiations to make the move to local talk radio. Suggesting Clear Channel's 710 WOR and Cumulus' 770 WABC as possible destinations, the Daily News states the program would air in a drivetime daypart. However, Politico adds that Cumulus denies it has had any interest in adding Weiner on WABC. Clear Channel's WOR will be adding Sean Hannity from WABC in afternoons on January 1, but will have a morning drive opening after John Gambling retires on December 20"

Thanks to Shawn Axelrod & Bill Hale.

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REPORTERS

- TF-NH **Tony Fitzherbert, Campton** – Grundig S-450 DLX, Grundig AR 200 loop
 HF-MI **Harold Frodge, Midland** – Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW
 HJH-PA **Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre** – Tivoli Model One, Q-Stick Plus
 KK-VA **Kraig Krist, Manassas** – Winradio G33DDC SDR, Wellbrook ALA-1530S+ Imperium Loop.
 TLK-FL **Terry Krueger, Clearwater** – JRC NRD-535, JRC NRD-515, roof dipole
 AM-PA **Al Muick, Whitehall** – Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop
 JM-PA **John Malicky, Pittsburgh** – Delco Chevy car radio, GE Superadio III
 PS-ON **Paul Snider, Welland** – Grundig Satellite 750, homemade 3 ft loop
 LW-NY **Leslie Wood, East Meadow** – Grundig G8 Traveler II
 MKB-ON **Mike Brooker, Toronto** – Grundig G5, Grundig YB-400PE, Sony SRF-39FP, Panasonic RF-2200 (receiver emeritus)

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TIS/HAR

- 1650 WQQJ297 **FL Tampa** – 11/25 1315 – Florida DoT in good with automated 1:33 minute loop opening with, “You are listening to the Florida Department of Transportation Highway Advisory System station WQQJ297 1650 AM...” and mention of dialing 511, www.FL511.com, using construction zone caution, to tune in when yellow beacons are flashing on the DoT sign. Likely the westernmost transmitter, which was off until later today for whatever reason. (TLK-FL)

UNID

- 1170 UNID -- - 12/1 0720 – Briefly in poorly once WWVA faded with Bluegrass format, locally originating, with a female interviewed briefly on some venue that over the next few months is hosting a Civil War battle portrayal, a Western author speaker, etc. Not // WWVA audio stream after they faded just to make certain. Points NNW. Reasonably sure not WKFL, Bushnell, FL, which is contemporary C&W and should have stayed in to some degree if so. The very low power MO station would be awesome, but I really doubt from here. (TLK-FL)
- UNID -- - 12/3 0650 – Black gospel, very poor between WWVA and KFAQ. Not WAVS, Davie, FL which came up at 0700, and is always Caribe English on M-F drive time. This was only in for about five minutes. (TLK-FL)

LOGGINGS


- 540 WGTH VA **Richlands** – 11/30 0358 – Male duet with southern gospel song into ToH full station ID by woman and back into more gospel music. Fair reception over others on-channel with QRM from WLIE and WKFN. Supposedly only at 97 watts. (AM-PA)
- 550 WKRC OH **Cincinnati** – 11/30 0359 – Fade-up with ads offering free installation of something-or-other into full ToH ID, then into Fox news about helicopter crash in Scotland. Poor with co-channel WGR-Buffalo. (AM-PA)
- 560 WQAM FL **Miami** – 11/30 0359 – Noted with Amy Morris and CBS Sports Radio instead of ESPN as listed in 34th Radio Log. Full ToH ID and back into CBS Sports. No mention of ESPN or CBS Sports on the website. Poor reception with QRM from local WFIL in Philly and of course from Cuba. (AM-PA)
- 680 WCBM MD **Baltimore** – 11/28 1700 – In with “Headline News” on the hour, on the “Fox Report,” “WCBM 680 Baltimore” station ID. Good atop, but then mixing with WRKO. (LW-NY)

- WINR NY **Binghamton** – 11/21 1640 – Old rock music blasting over WRKO, with ID's for "Oldies 96.9," but gone by 1650. **(TF-NH)**
- 690 CKGM QC **Montreal** – 11/28 1715 – In with sports talk show discussing Montreal Canadiens hockey. Mention of stars both past and present. **(LW-NY)**
 +++ - 11/30 1749 – TSN Canadiens pre-game show, focusing on the state of the Maple Leafs; CKGM call spot past ToH, into ESPN Sports Center. Ads for Chez Patee adult entertainment and Playground Poker Club. Mainly good over brief oldies challenger, probably WELD in WV. **(HF-MI)**
- 730 WDOS NY **Oneonta** – 11/20 1800 – Fair-good with ad for Empire Toyota of Oneonta into local weather report and news. NY # 98 heard. **(LW-NY)**
- 830 WMMI MI **Shepherd** – 11/26 1636 – "AM 8-30 WMMI Mount Pleasant-Shepherd, we are mid-Michigan's information." also MI (pronounced as "My")-104.3 promo for local high school sports. Herman Cain Show before and after ToH IRN/USA News. Ads for Michigan Spine & Pain, Feeney Chrysler in Midland, Rick's Food Center, McGuyver Chevy in Clare, Mt. Pleasant Auto Group on M-20. Pulled plug abruptly at 1715 in mid-program, leaving WCCO well on top. Well over WCCO until sign-off. **(HF-MI)**
- WTRU NC **Kernersville** – 12/3 2231 – Mentions of "the Truth Network," Nationwide ad, missionary ad, Truth Network app promo, "You are listening to the truth network" ID at 2234. Fair with unknown Cuban or Mexican. **(PS-ON)**
- WUMY TN **Memphis** – 11/26 1842 – "Y-105.5" promo into C&W song. This and UNID religious talker challenging under WCCO. TN #48. **(HF-MI)**
- 910 KVIS OK **Miami** – 11/25 0101 – Singing jingle into full KVIS ID, mentioning Miami, Oklahoma then fade back down into channel noise. Weak but readable. They're getting just over one mile per watt! **(AM-PA)**
- 920 CKNX ON **Wingham** – 11/21 1616 – C&W music, Nashville Hockey tonight on CKNX-920 (*Presumably this is a promo for Toronto Maple Leafs game v. Nashville Predators. Mike*), more C&W, ads for Middleton Home Furnishings, Dan Devine Computers and Laptops, Merchant Supplies (with a 519 AC number, which is Wingham), Village of Light Festival, local weather (-6 degrees), and back to country music, soon lost to regular here WHJJ. **(TF-NH)**
- 930 WBEN NY **Buffalo** – 11/25 0158 – Ad for "modern media transfer service" at Delaware Camera into full ToH station ID and CBS news. Great signal this morning! **(AM-PA)**
- WIZR NY **Johnstown** – 11/30 0143 – Classic rock, e.g. Toto's "Hold the Line." Several WIZR jingles, mentioning Johnstown. Station was floating to the top of the heap now and then, suffering most notably from QRM of WBEN and Radio Rebelde Cuba, co-channel. Supposedly at 28 watts. **(AM-PA)**
- 940 WINE CT **Brookfield** – 11/16 1620 – Football scores from CBS Sports Radio, ID for "Mahopac's Sports Radio, WINE 1510 (/WPUT Brewster, NY) and 940", promo for Fantasy Football at 10:00 PM, into "Eye on College Football" before fading. **(TF-NH)**
- WIDG MI **Saint Ignace** – 11/16 1707 – Weak signal with mention of St. Ignace, "Vocations Boom Radio" EWTN program, recruiting for the priesthood (maybe hoping for an explosion of priests!!!), soon gone. **(TF-NH)**
- WECO TN **Wartburg** – 12/6 1720 – Pretty much alone on frequency with "this is family friendly radio 940 WECO" slogan into gospel song. Last heard and QSLed on equipment test in 1980. **(MKB-ON)**
- WKGM VA **Smithfield** – 11/17 1650 – Garden show by "Radio Garden Show.com," host is Jack Rosen on "AM-940, WKGM, the Ministry Station," ad for an investment service at 1-877-933-3319, promo for Sunrise Gospel Show on Sundays from 6:30 to 7:30am, WKGM Weather, ID for "AM 940, WKGM, 24 hours a day, the Ministry Station" and into preaching. **(TF-NH)**
- 950 WGUN GA **Valdosta** – 11/29 1727 – Mexi-Spanish vocals, clear "El Lobo" slogan, confirming WGUN (rather than WGTA Summerville, GA which also has SS format). Presumed WTLN, Orlando (Christian talk) co-channel. **(TLK-FL)**
- WAKM TN **Franklin** – 11/29 0642 – Presumed with C&W vocals nonstop through top-of-hour or close to. Loop pointing N/S. Played Star Spangled Banner (a male Old School Country version) at 0701 on the web stream. Confirmed WAKM on 11/30, their stream // pieces of audio including Taylor Swift's "Last Christmas" and C&W songs by Eli Young Band, Darius Rucker, etc. No SSB 0700 on 11/30, into NBC News Radio ("NBC Radio News" would sure flow better), also

audible for a few seconds at 0703 during the network slot ACE Hardware ad holiday sound effects. WTLN, Orlando upon pattern and/or power change from 0646 both days, creating some co-channel along with of course Radio Reloj. I recall passing by the station studio on several occasions on my way to hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, so this was a fond stalk and kill. **(TLK-FL)**

- 970 WFUN OH **Ashtabula** – 11/15 0157 – Ads for ACMC Health, Nassif Honda, and an Elvis impersonator singing about carpet cleaning (!). Full ToH ID then back to ESPN Sports Center. Excellent signal with little to no QRM. **(AM-PA)**
- 990 WDCX NY **Rochester** – 11/17 2308 – Fair signal with slogan, “We’re Different, We’re 990 WDCX Rochester.” Some splash from local WILK-980. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1020 WURN FL **Kendall** – 11/25 0550 – Very good, in SS with two guys hosting the newscast, a Telemundo and Miami stores spots, into Sunday sports highlights beginning with the Miami Heat. This one very good when pointing east-west, while KDKA, Pittsburgh good when north-south. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1080 KRLD TX **Dallas** – 11/22 1806 – In WTIC/WKJK mix with “Eljon Phillips news radio 10-80 KRLD” ID and station promos: “When winter weather threatens North Texas KRLD’s chief meteorologist Bob... has you covered...Get ready for the changes North Texas. They are coming.” “Traffic and weather together every 10 minutes on the 8’s. News radio 10-80 KRLD and CBSDSW dot com.” Slogan “All news all day, News Radio 10-80 KRLD.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1090 WKTE NC **King** – 11/22 1803 – In WBAL mix with website promo: “AM stereo 10-90 WKTE now heard 24-7 on the world wide web. It’s all here at WKTE1090.com.” **(KK-VA)**
- 1110 KFAB NE **Omaha** – 11/22 1754 – In WBT mix with discussion of Nebraska football game on Saturday, “Sean Callihand (sp?) here with you ‘Husker Buzz’ on news radio 11-10 KFAB. What’s the weather gonna look like for tomorrow Sean?” **(KK-VA)**
- 1150 WJEM GA **Valdosta** – 11/25 0532 – ESPN Sports feed with Sunday football scores. Fair-poor in tight WTMP semi-null. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1160 WBYN PA **Lehigh** – 12/3 2300 – Very poor with religious music, ID “You are listening to 1160 Alive,” then lost to a mess of stations including WCCS. **(PS-ON)**
- 1170 KFAQ OK **Tulsa** – 12/2 0657 – In mix of two Mexicans and WWVA, a quick mention of KFAQ bubbled up. Dominating the next morning, same time. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1230 WHUC NY **Hudson** – 12/1 1856 – Up briefly above the mess with FM ID, “You’re in Valley Country, WRWD.” **(HJH-PA)**
- 1260 WWRC DC **Washington** – 11/28 1734 – Religious program discussing church excommunications through the centuries. Promo for Andy Parks show, 11AM-1PM weekdays. “WRC 1260” slogan. **(LW-NY)**
- WNDE IN **Indianapolis** – 11/24 0700 – Over all comers (UNID Radio Disney, other sports talker) with I Heart Radio promo, “Sports radio 1260 AM WNDE, Indy’s sports station” ID into Fox Sports. **(MKB-ON)**
- 1270 WLIK TN **Newport** – 11/25 0100 – Faded up to the top of the on-channel jumble with ToH full station ID: “Broadcasting since 1954, this is WLIK...” Weak but readable over the jumble. **(AM-PA)**
- 1280 WHTK NY **Rochester** – 11/25 1615 – Atop frequency with Fox Sports feed, local “WHTK weather for Western New York,” commercials for Honda, Firestone Auto Repair, ReMax realtors, GMC-Buick Dealers of New York. **(TF-NH)**
- 1300 WPNH NH **Plymouth** – 11/29 2205 – Good at times under a strong sports station. Had nostalgia music. ABC news at TOH. ID as “WFTN-1240 and WPNH-1300.” Rare. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1310 CIWW ON **Ottawa** – 11/15 1723 – In WDCT mix with local news mentioning “Right now in Ottawa it’s cloudy” **(KK-VA)**
- 1320 WVNZ VA **Richmond** – 11/24 1632 – In multi-station mix (WJAS, WFHR, CJMR, UNID gospel) with Spanish talk and singing, man with “Selecta 13-20” slogan in SS. **(KK-VA)**
- WFHR WI **Wisconsin Rapids** – 11/24 1659 – In multi-station mix with “AM 13-20 WFHR Wisconsin Rapids...” ToH ID into NBC News. **(KK-VA)**
- 1330 WKTA IL **Evanston** – 12/5 1810 – Presumed over usual WFNN-Erie, PA pest with Russian program, local ad mentioning vosem-sorok-syem (847) area code for suburban Chicago. **(MKB-ON)**
- WEBO NY **Owego** – 11/24 1901 – In multi-station mix, woman with local weather and station promo: “With your news now Southern tier forecast I’m

meteorologist... Morrison. Southern tier's hometown station. News radio WEBO." **(KK-VA)**

- WSPQ NY Springville** – 11/24 1832 – In multi-station mix (WJSS, WBTM, WRAA, WFNN, WEBO, UNID talk and gospel) with station promo: "The classic hits are alive and well. You're hearing the 'Sunday Night Sock Hop' on classic hits 13-30 WSPQ." **(KK-VA)**
- 1340 WMDR ME Augusta** – 11/26 1630 – End of "Focus on the Family," then lost in the mush. **(TF-NH)**
- WMSA NY Massena** – 11/26 1700 – CBS News, commercial for a Ford dealership, gone by 1705 into a mass of oldies stations. **(TF-NH)**
- 1360 WCHL NC Chapel Hill** – 11/24 1659 – In multi-station mix (WNJC, WDRC, WSAI, UNID gospel, ESPN, oldies, CBS sports and SS stations) with ToH ID: "You're listening to 97.9 FM and 13-60 AM WCHL. Chapel Hill Carrboro's news, talk and Tar Heels station" into weather forecast. **(KK-VA)**
- WMNY PA McKeesport** – 12/6 1700 – Now heard relaying WGBN-1150 Gospel programming ending with "Daily Bread," hosted by owner the Rev. Loren Mann, then ID: "WGBN New Kensington-Pittsburgh WMNY McKeesport-Pittsburgh" into NBC NewsRadio news, then power cut. **(JM-PA)**
- 1370 WSHV VA South Hill** – 11/24 1652 – In multi-station mix (WQLL, WTAB, WSPD, WVMR, WXXI, WGIV, UNID talk and gospel) with station promo: "Country legends now on 96.7 FM and 13-70 AM WSHV." **(KK-VA)**
- 1380 WABH NY Bath** – 11/24 1759 – In multi-station mix with ToH ID: "Sports radio 13-80 is here. The all new ABC sports radio 13-80 WABH Bath, New York." **(KK-VA)**
- WCBG PA Waynesboro** – 11/24 1630 – In multi-station mix (CKPC, WWMI, WABH, and several UNIDs – SS, talk, oldies, religion, NBC sports, C&W) with station promo: "Join us weekday mornings 6 till 10 on ESPN radio 13-80, the new home of WCBG." **(KK-VA)**
- 1390 WJRM NC Troy** – 11/24 1841 – In multi-station mix (WZHF, WSPO, WEGP, WFSL, UNID religious talk, oldies and Radio Disney) with ad for hardware store in Troy, ID and web promo: "You're listening to 13-90 AM right here in Troy... broadcasting... around the world... WJRM.com... Troy North Carolina." **(KK-VA)**
- WCAT VT Burlington** – 11/29 2315 – Good with others with FM ID, "Crusin' 93.7," playing 60's oldies. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1400 WJZN ME Augusta** – 11/24 1759 – In multi-station mix (WHGB, WINC, WSMY, UNID Fox Sports) with oldies, "AM 14 hundred WJZN" ToH ID by man. **(KK-VA)**
- 1420 WACK NY Newark** – 11/25 1628 – Sean Hannity show, ad for Visiting Angels, "WACK Weather Forecast" at 1630, with a storm warning for the entire WACK listening area, back to Sean Hannity at 1635. **(TF-NH)**
- WLNA NY Peekskill** – 12/1 1705 – In multi-station mix with station promo: "This is Hudson Valley talk radio 920 WGHQ 1260 WBNR and 1420 WLNA with a great line-up of programs all day long. Hudson Valley talk radio. Your station for sound advice. News you can use. At Hudson Valley talk radio dot com." **(KK-VA)**
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- WAMV VA Amherst** – 12/1 1703 – In multi-station mix (WLNA, WHK, WKCW, UNID bluegrass football game and oldies) with religious singing, "14-20 AM WAMV on the web at wamvradio1420.com" ID by man. **(KK-VA)**
- 1430 WNSW NJ Newark** – 12/1 1700 – In multi-station mix (CHKT and several UNIDs: ESPN, other sports, oldies, bluegrass, SS) with "AM 14-30 WNSW Newark New Jersey" ToH ID by man. **(KK-VA)**
- 1440 WFNJ NY Gloversville** – 11/24 1620 – Oldies music, "1440-WFNJ" musical sounder, "My Heart belongs to You" by Barbara Streisand requested by someone in nearby Johnstown, soon lost to WVEI. **(TF-NH)**
- WJLL NY Niagara Falls** – 12/1 1846 – In multi-station mix (WGIG, WHKZ, WNPV, UNID NBC Sports) with "14-40 WJLL old time rock and roll" slogan. **(KK-VA)**
- WNPV PA Lansdale** – 12/1 1851 – In multi-station mix with station promo: "...weekdays 12:10 to 1PM right here on 14-40 WNPV." **(KK-VA)**
- WGVL SC Greenville** – 12/1 0659 – FOX Sports Radio local promo, ID, mixing with one of the two Florida Spanish religious stations. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1450 WCTC NJ New Brunswick** – 12/1 1746 – In multi-station mix (WVAX, WHNK, UNID oldies and big band music) with ID slogan: "The new talk radio 14-50 WCTC, the Voice of Central Jersey." **(KK-VA)**

- WSNO VT **Barre** – 11/21 1607 – Presumed with Sean Hannity Show before fading into the mush; WSNO is the only station on 1450 in the East which carries Hannity. **(TF-NH)**
- WHNK WV **Parkersburg** – 12/1 1858 – In multi-station mix with station promo: “Your station for the best in country WHNK radio” **(KK-VA)**
- CHOU QC **Montreal** – 11/24 1629 – Ethnic program, not French, steady signal. **(TF-NH)**
Most likely program in Arabic. Mike
- 1460 WXBR MA **Brockton** – 11/26 1610 – Comments about a storm in the Midwest, commercials for Tax Closure.com, L.I.U.N.A. Construction Union, and PSA for “Foundation for a Better Life.” back to syndicated talk, lost to WHIC. **(TF-NH)**
- WHIC NY **Rochester** – 11/26 1625 – In over WXBR, talk about the Catechism, corrupt clergy, Martin Luther, the Catholic Church and Salvation, Baptists, the Council of Trent in 1517 (a real theological lesson covering many bases in three minutes!!), lost to CJOY by 1628. **(TF-NH)**
- WTKT PA **Harrisburg** – 11/24 1633 – College football talk and interviews, briefly atop frequency. **(TF-NH)**
- 1470 WLAM ME **Lewiston** – 11/30 2040 – Station ID as “AM 870 and 1470” which I am presuming was this (// WLVP-870 Gorham, ME). In briefly then lost to several other weak stations. **(HJH-PA)**
- WAZN MA **Watertown** – 11/17 1630 – Ancient oldies which the station plays when time is not brokered on WAZN, soon gone under WNY. **(TF-NH)**
- 1480 WRCK NY **Remsen** – 11/24 1742 – ID and a PSA promoting the good of high school sports and how it “rounds” kids out. **(HJH-PA)**
- WHBC OH **Canton** – 11/24 1903 – Heard with many others with weather forecast, ID then into football highlights. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1490 WBAE ME **Portland** – 11/17 1637 – PSA for US Department of Agriculture, “your station for news, information and the arts” slogan, into the Clark Howard Show, soon gone. **(TF-NH)**
- WMRC MA **Milford** – 11/17 1640 – Ads for the Milford Daily News and a Chevrolet dealer in Framingham, ID for “Massachusetts’ First Class Radio Station (some sort of an award), WMRC”, into oldies music, mixed with WBAE and others **(TF-NH)**
- WIKE VT **Newport** – 11/30 2021 – ID heard through mess then into country music, I believe. **(HJH-PA)**
- 1550 WSDK CT **Bloomfield** – 11/20 1825 – End of program “In Touch” with Charles Stanley. “WSDK 1550, Life Changing Radio” ID’s. **(LW-NY)**
- 1590 WAIK IL **Galesburg** – 11/27 0800 – Over top others with ID: “Your home for the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls, AM 1590 WAIK Galesburg” then into ABC News. **(JM-PA)**
- WARV RI **Warwick** – 11/30 1730 – In with religious program including discussion about the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams. “1590 Life Changing Radio” slogan. **(LW-NY)**
- 1610 CHHA ON **Toronto** – 11/25 0455 – Very poor with music of some kind, a clear “Toronto” mention at 0459, more music after 0500. Some co-channel from The University Network/The Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla, with the Mrs. Scott nonstop. SW parallel strong on 6090 (then clear but weak 11775 after 0500). **(TLK-FL)**
- 1620 WDND IN **South Bend** – 11/28 0637 – Carrying the Daly Download show, IDing only as “U93” until ToH when full legal ID mentions WDND 1620. Excellent signal with QRM from CHHA Toronto on 1610. **(AM-PA)**
- 1630 KCJJ IA **Iowa City** – 11/30 2240 – Good at times with fades and many, many local ads between newer pop music selections. ID as “Sending a 10,000 watt signal across the Midwest this is KCJJ.” **(HJH-PA)**
- 1640 WTNI MS **Biloxi** – 12/1 1651 – On top with The NFL on Westwood One, “...96.7...14-90...16-40 WTMI Biloxi” ToH ID and “Sports Radio 96-7, the Champ” slogan. **(HF-MI)**
- 1650 KYHN AR **Fort Smith** – 11/23 2014 – Promo for the Dennis Miller show at 2015, ID on fade-up over others on the car radio on I-275 west of downtown Tampa. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1660 WBCN NC **Charlotte** – 11/25 0340 – Wave Ventilation spot, back to CBS Sports Radio audio. Very good over WCNZ, Marco Island, FL. **(TLK-FL)**
- 1690 WMLB GA **Avondale Estates** – 11/29 0044 – Chime music into “this is AM 1690, the Voice of the Arts...” ID into a strange vocal with C&W-like qualities. Fair signal, over and above normally dominant co-channel WPTX. **(AM-PA)**

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REPORTERS

- GH-OK** Glenn Hauser, Enid, OK. Mostly DX-398 with internal antenna only; or Sony SRF-59 as specified; Nissan stock car radio as specified; FRG-7 as specified. Glenn's complete reports, with extensive commentary, are originally published in *DX Listening Digest*.
- JEL-MO** J.E. Lewis. Kansas City MO. Honda Odyssey car radio.
- JJR-WI** John J. Rieger, South Milwaukee WI. Icom IC-R71, Kiwa loop, MFJ-959B tuner, preamp.
- JW-CO** John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, CO. Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop.
- RD-NE** Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE. Kenwood R-5000, Quantum QX Pro loop.
- RS-UT** Ron Schiller, W7SGU (new call!) St George, UT. Kia car radio, Grundig S-350
- SMA-MB** Shawn M. Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg MB. Icom ICR-70 / Drake R8 3 Foot un-amplified box loop / Quantum QX LOOP v2.0/ 155 Foot "U" shaped outdoor wire / 100 Foot indoor wire run around the basement walls / MFJ 1026 Phasing unit

DX LOGS

- 550 KFRM KS Salina – 12/1 1505-1725 – On the road north of Enid from squirrel haven, couldn't believe my ears as KFRM Salina KS had double-audio input, totally QRMing itself. One seemed to be talk show about guns, the other sports. At the outset, local weather and ID from one of them. Normally this is a dominant daytime big signal, no chance of midday DX QRM. (GH-OK)
- 610 WAGG AL Birmingham – 12/3 0158 – I null KCSP Kansas City to hear some soul music, 0659 ID as "WAGG, Birmingham, news when you want it" and CBS news. I haven't heard this one before, normally ceding the channel to KC. WAGG is 5/1 kW U2, a butterfly night pattern with null toward the NW but peak to the west, so we're somewhere between those. FCC AM Query shows they also have a CP for non-directional not only day but also at night by reducing power to 610 watts; could be in effect now. (GH-OK)
- 730 KQPN AR West Memphis – 11/16 2137 – Fair with Mississippi State Univ. FB, mention by PBP announcer that if the Bulldogs ran back the 2nd half kick-off for a TD, a prize would be given out to a lucky fan who had submitted a contest entry. (RD-NE)
- 840 KTIC NE West Point – 11/30 0906 – Area weather forecast, call letter ID. Fair at best. Still looking for KARS, ex-860. (JW-CO)
- 930 WBEN NY Buffalo – 11/11 1826 – Fair under WTAD with CLs clearly heard at the end of a phone interview between a male talk show host and his guest. Heard again at 2059 on 11/14 with "Newsradio 930 WBEN" in promo for Rush Limbaugh. First Buffalo logging here, and NY #8 at this QTH. (RD-NE)
- 1050 WJOK WI Kaukauna – 11/14 1733 – Good with 920 area code phone # heard in ad for Green Bay dentist, then back into *The Drew Mariani Show* via Relevant Radio. Have both Catholic stations in Wisconsin on this frequency logged here now. (RD-NE)
- 1220 KLPW MO Union – 11/14 1830 – Good with spot for Colton's Steakhouse & Grill in Washington, then CLs heard at start of local newscast. (RD-NE)
- 1270 KBZZ NV Sparks – 12/3 1100 – Atop with Ford advertisement and mention of Washoe County ... don't often hear Reno area stations here in SW Utah. (RS-UT)
- 1310 KTCK TX Dallas – 12/1 1738-1740 – Good to excellent and in the clear with Dallas Stars pre-game, mention of "The Ticket." They run 25 kW days with a directional pattern looking more-or-less like a circle with slight null to the south. New! (JEL-MO)
- 1320 KSIV MO Clayton – 12/3 1730 – Poor; no WILS, or Milw TIS at all. Calls including 91.5 FM mention. (JJR-WI)
- 1340 KVOQ CO Denver – 12/1 1900 – Presumably the NPR distinctive ID heard at top of the hour. Only other NPR station in the SW on 1340 is KCLU in Santa Barbara and



they apparently dump their 650 watt signal in the ocean and it was still light there as opposed to night in Denver. **(RS-UT)**

- 1430 WRDN WI **Durand** – 11/28 2029 – Good with ID: “Serving the Durand area with local news, weather, and sports, we’re Real Country 1430, WRDN.” No sign of either St. Louis or Indy at the time. **(RD-NE)**
- 1440 WPGW IN **Portland** – 11/29 1800 – Poor, ID’d at “WPGW AM and FM Portland” into NBC news. Website shows differently, though not updated since 2012. 1440 #34, IN #69. NEW! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1440 WYGH KY **Paris** – 12/3 1743 – Poor; no WNFL, WROK. Song then “107.5 WIOK, 1440 WTGH and 570 WIDS, (something like) Kentucky Gospel.” So GOS format. Logged in ‘85 as WRPZ. Not new, not common, hi! **(JJR-WI)**
- 1470 WBFC KY **Stanton** – 11/27 2223 – Fair and in the clear with “1470 WBFC” ID, then into Southern Gospel music. First time I’ve heard this from anywhere, had to have left the day stick running. **(RD-NE)**
- 1480 WJBM IL **Jerseyville** – 12/2 0713 – Poor; Green Co. flu shots, etc., “WJBM obituaries...” up in mess. **(JJR-WI)**
- 1480 KBXD TX **Dallas** – 11/30 1959 – Legal ID at 1959:40 by man: “With 50,000 watts, this is the north Texas powerhouse 1480 KBXD Dallas” and into Gospel music program. Fair in the noise. **(JW-CO)**
- 1510 WQQW IL **Highland** – 11/8 1826 – Good with Mexican banda music and “Que Buena” IDs. Note to Midwestern DXers: BE CAREFUL if you hear Spanish on 1510, because there are several SS stations on the channel. Listening for a slogan ID (and confirming what you hear via a webstream, when one is available) is key. **(RD-NE)**
- 1550 KUAZ AZ **Tucson** – 12/3 1040 – Booming in with NPR programming. **(RS-UT)**
- 1550 WHIT WI **Madison** – 12/6 0900 – Very good signals with classic country music. Several ID’s as “Hank Country Legends” and “Hank AM 15-50.” New format was Oldies. A big thanks to Earl Higgins, St. Louis Missouri for his help with setting me straight as to who this was. Earl sent along this link for the station’s announcement: <http://envisionradio.com/pressreleases/?p=3222>. **(SMA-MB)**
- 1580 KKTS WY **Evansville** – 11/29 1859 – Legal ID by man: “...KKTS-FM Douglas, KKTS-AM Evansville-Casper” and into network news, NBC, I think. Signal up and down with rock music, ads, and “Hit Radio KKTS” ID’s. First new logging since April, WY #38. **(JW-CO)**
- 1610 CHHA ON **Toronto** – 11/28 2028 – Surprised to hear some talk in English, certainly not Dead Gene Scott, but seems to be from CHHA direction, struggling against IBOC from 1600 St Louis, so Toronto apparently diffuses some English; 2029 switches to Spanish. **(GH-OK)**

TIS

- 530 “K-530-AM” OK **Vance AFB** – 11/29 0814 – The station from Vance AFB is missing. It had been quite reliable for many months, though with rather boring and repetitive programming consisting of PSAs looping, mostly about safety. There is still a carrier, but seems weaker than usual. Same at 1425 recheck. Maybe no one is around on the holiday to restart it if something crashed. Let’s just hope a hurricane doesn’t hit us in the meantime. 12/5 Never came back after crashing around Thanksgiving. There does seem to be a very weak carrier still on the frequency, which I need to check by approaching Vance closer, beyond my usual routes around Enid. Circa 1400 UT, approached Vance AFB south of Enid, to confirm that the “K530AM” transmitter is still on the air with weakened carrier. From due north of the main gate it only puts a few bars on the DX-398 and DF is exactly south inside the base. Its frequency is still up in lights on a nearby sign on the approach street, Southgate Blvd., preceded by 5 other messages about gate hours. Diffusing gate hours and any variations may be the basic purpose of the transmitter, but most of the time it was running an incredibly boring and repetitive loop of PSAs about safety, some of them completely inapplicable here, such as preparing for hurricane evacuations. Anyhow, maybe it will be revived. Meanwhile, 530 is a little more open for DX to me. **(GH-OK)**



UNID

- 750 UNID -- 11/30 1316 – During my midday bandscan on the DX-398, KMMJ Nebraska in English has a SAH of about 8 Hz, both looping about the same N/S. That’s a

hint that KSEO Durant OK could really be on the air; no one has answered my previous request to confirm it closer. (GH-OK)

- 1220 UNID -- 12/5 0746 – Unfamiliar Xmas song, roughly north/south, ID sounds like KLCD. But that leads to two possibilities in the 2013 NRC AM Log: KLDC, Denver CO, but it's UC:GOS/REL format with 660/11/35 watts; OR KLBB, Stillwater MN, NOS format with 5000/254/422 watts. It's pre-sunrise for both as it is here; still with het from the off-frequency Texan. (GH-OK)

Thanks to all of this week's contributors. See you next time. (JDT-WA)

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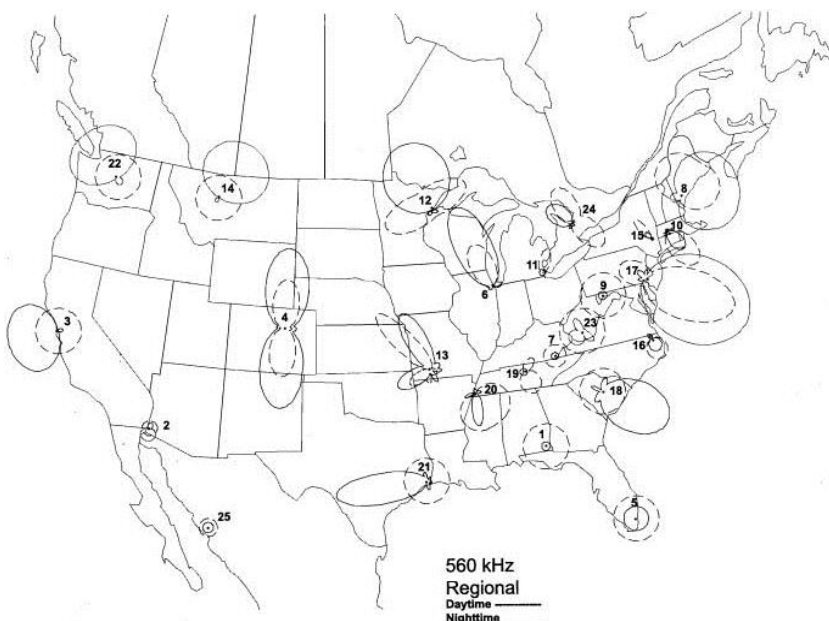
- 860 KONO TX **San Antonio** – N/d letter, map and FM sticker. V/s Michael Margrave. Rcvd in 19 days MS (not used). (DJ-TN)
- 1140 WBXR AL **Hazel Green** – N/d note, map, program guide and sticker. No v/s. Rcvd in 18 days MS. (DJ-TN)
- 1150 WJRD AL **Tuscaloosa** – No QSL. Coverage map and baseball hat. Rcvd in 41 days MS (not used). (DJ-TN)
- 1340 WBBT GA **Lyons**- V/s Robin Watson, Office Manager. Verified 6/12. (GHDL-WV)
- 1480 WQOH AL **Ironton** – No QSL. 2 stickers. Rcvd in 118 days. (DJ-TN)
- 1560 WMRO TN **Gallatin** – F/d letter and map. V/s Scott Bailey. Rcvd in 46 days MS (not used). (DJ-TN)
- 1570 WTRB TN **Ripley** – N/d letter, rate sheet and business card. V/s Mickey Arwood. Rcvd in 21 days MS. (DJ-TN)
- 1640 KZLS OK **Enid** – PPC in 16 days. V/S illegible. (JW-CO)

David Jones, Nashville TN (DJ-TN)
John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge CO (JW-CO)
G Harley DeLeurere, Hendricks WV (GHDL-WV)



NRC Antenna Pattern Book, 7th Edition

The 7th Edition of the NRC *Antenna Pattern Book* is now available. This all new edition prepared by NRC'er Paul Swearingen is an all-inclusive book of patterns for both Day and Night operation of stations in the USA, Canada and selected foreign stations. The data for the book comes from the 34th Edition of the *AM Radio Log* and NRC'er John Callerman's comprehensive Mexican station listing.



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International DX Digest

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Trans-Atlantic DX

- 549 **ALGERIA** *Jil FM*, Les Trembles DEC 6 0100 – Good; time marker, *Jil FM* ID and jingle into an urban contemporary Mideast vocal, parallel a weak 531 signal. [Conti]
945 **FRANCE** *France Info*, Toulouse DEC 5 2220 – Good; talk about Mandela, parallel 837 kHz. [Conti]
1062 **ITALY** *Rai Radiouno* synchros DEC 5 2259 – Fair; anthem, two post sign-off tones, then off. [Conti-NH]
1089 **UNITED KINGDOM** *TalkSport* synchros DEC 5 2130 – Fair; ad string, World Cup promo, and talk about World Cup. [Conti-NH]
1215 **UNITED KINGDOM** *Absolute Radio* synchros DEC 5 2145 – Fair; Lou Reed “Walk on the Wild Side.” [Conti-NH]



Hauser transoceanic carrier searches: Transatlantic NOV 29 0115-0120 – As usual start with 1521 and there it is, no doubt Saudi. Then stepping downward thru entire band: 1503, 1215, 909, 882, 693 kHz. Also thru longwave broadcast band with no results. Transpacific NOV 29 1314-1319 – 594, 612, 693, 774, 828, 1422. Strongest were 693 and 774; maybe with more gain could have pulled some NHK audio. Sunrise here today 1323. NOV 30 1323 – JBA on 594, but no others found at sunrise by 1053 where I stop. DEC 5 1238-1242 – JBA on 594, 693, 774, 882 kHz.

Pan-American DX

- 530 **CUBA** *R.Enciclopedia*, Villa María NOV 30 0125 – On car radio I am getting two stations in Spanish, mixed with the fast SAH from presumed remnant of K530AM Vance AFB Enid, which has ceased modulating. One is obviously *R.Enciclopedia*, mostly music, and the other is continuous talk, sounds Cuban too; think I hear “Radio Angulo” mentioned, but surely only a passing reference rather than ID. One other is listed, a *R.Rebelde* in Guantánamo, which is a long way from here. When I get home, I can’t hear it on the DX-398. [Hauser-OK] DEC 6 0100 – Good; canned ID with theme music, “Transmite CMBQ Radio Enciclopedia, desde la Habana, Cuba,” time check, and “Radio Enciclopedia presenta...” The program name she announced didn’t sound like anything listed on the *R.Enciclopedia* website. [Conti-NH]
660 **MEXICO** XEEY *La Kaliente*, Aguascalientes, Ags. DEC 5 0711 – As I tune in, ID amid banda music as “La Kaliente 102.9”; dominant signal at the moment vs IBOC noise from 670 WSCR. Let’s see, which one uses that slogan, which I naturally assume must be misspelt with a K instead of a C, in an effort to appear ‘kool’, just like with Ke Buena instead of Q? Cantú reveals immediately: XEEY La Kaliente + FM 102.9 50,000 10,000. It’s running ten times the night power of any other XE on 660 if the listings can be believed, tho one other has a 50 kW daytime transmitter, XEDTL in the DF. [Hauser-OK]
730 **MEXICO** XEHB Hidalgo del Parral, Chih. DEC 5 1254 – Very good dominant signal with Xmas songs in Spanish, “La Ke Buena 107.1” ID, i.e. XEHB in Chihuahua. IRCA Log 2012 had this as only 1000/300 watts from San Francisco del Oro; while Cantú is much more like it: 50,000 1,000. [Hauser-OK]
780 **MEXICO** XESFT San Fernando, Tamps. DEC 1 0125 – Spanish music looping north/south, over WBBM as that can be only heard with this partially nulled. Music stops and starts again; 0128 ID as “La Poderosa,” as already linked to XESFT despite that slogan lacking in the main references. [Hauser-OK]
950 **MEXICO** XERN *R.Naranjera*, Monterrey NL DEC 1 0123 – Song in Spanish, *segué* to ranchera, on top for a while. If looping south/southwest can be relied on, most likely XERN. [Hauser-OK]
1170 **MEXICO** XERT *Ke Buena*, Reynosa, Tamps. DEC 2 1135 – Mexi-tunes, though mostly more subdued ballads, slogan at 1152 into literally two seconds false start Mexican anthem, then dead air through 1201 tune-out. Slight co-channel WWVA and from 1200 WAVS Davie, Florida, English Caribe format commencing with power up. [Krueger-FL]
1170 **MEXICO** unID DEC 2 1159 – In the jumble with the open carrier of XERT mostly dominating, a very weak Mexican national anthem started. Way too weak for a possible ID. [Krueger-FL]

- 1300 **MEXICO** XEP Cd. Juárez, Chih. DEC 1 0116 – Romantic music in Spanish from west/southwest is dominant signal, as if XEP Juárez is still on 38 kW day power; 0117 ID as *R.Trece* seems undermodulated by comparison to the music but signal is also suddenly weaker, as if they just got around to switching to night power 500 watts (per IRCA; WRTH says only 50 kW); into ads under too much interference now. [Hauser-OK]
- 1570 **MEXICO** XERF Cd. Acuña, Coah. DEC 5 1249 – XERF is still playing “Mañanitas” at this hour, heartfelt song, a tradition to gently awaken a child at sunrise on its birthday; and still following at 1251 with “servicio social” segment as frequently repeated, missing persons as far away as California, with phone numbers to call, and lost-and-found items such as documents. [Hauser-OK]
- 2910 **MEXICO** XEVT Villahermosa, Tab. DEC 5 1215 – Talk, 1217 music probably part of ad, back to talk. Surely the oft-heard but always-weak third harmonic of 970 XEVT. [Hauser-OK]

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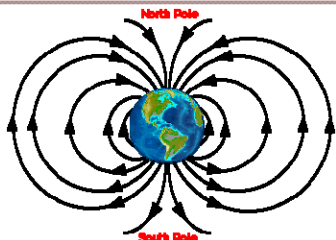
Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL; JRC NRD-535, JRC-NRD-515, Icom IC-R75, Sangean PR-D5, 1 X roof dipole, custom active loop.

International News

CZECH REPUBLIC: The closure of Topolná **270 kHz** is not yet definite. It was decided to postpone the closure to February 28, 2014 (formerly Dec 31, 2013). [Karel Honzik, *mwdx*]

FRANCE: “*R.Orient* sendet nicht mehr über 1350 kHz Nice/Col de la Madonne, aber jetzt über 1602 kHz Nimes/Les Capitelles.” [Christian Brühlhart, *mediumwave.info*] Translated: *R.Orient* stopped transmitting via 1350 kHz Nice/Col de la Madonne, but now via **1602 kHz** Nimes/Les Capitelles.

73 and Good DX!



Geomagnetic Indices

Geomagnetic Summary November 2013

Via Phil Bytheway – Tabulated from email status daily.

Date	Flux	A	K	Space Weather	Date	Flux	A	K	Space Weather
11/1	145	5	0	moderate, R2	11/16	175	9	2	minor, R1
2	142	3	1	minor, R1	17	177	6	1	minor, R1
3	144	6	1	moderate, R2	18	163	3	1	no storms
4	147	5	2	no storms	19	153	3	1	strong , R3
5	149	5	2	strong , R3	20	147	4	0	no storms
6	154	4	1	minor, R1	21	141	3	1	minor, R1
7	148	11	1	minor, R1	22	143	3	2	no storms
8	146	4	0	strong , R3	23	136	8	0	minor, R1
9	148	16	1	no storms	24	127	2	0	no storms
10	154	10	3	strong , R3	25	119	2	0	no storms
11	164	16	1	minor, R1	26	116	2	1	no storms
12	168	3	0	no storms	27	129	2	0	no storms
13	171	3	0	minor, R1	28	133	2	1	no storms
14	176	2	1	no storms	29	129	8	2	no storms
11/15	178	8	4	minor, R1	11/30	131	9	4	no storms

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The Kids Are All Right (?)

An online survey of young people (age 13-34) released in November by Mark Kassof & Co. measured feelings about various types of radio, including AM radio, and reached some surprising conclusions.

1. How do you feel about AM radio? More young people liked AM radio than disliked it, but indifference was the single most common reaction:

Love it	8%	Dislike it	17%	Neither like nor dislike it	30%
Like it	27%	Hate it	9%	Don't know	8%

While 35% had an overall positive reaction (love or like), there was a gender difference in the responses – 42% of males but only 29% of females had a positive reaction. There was no significant difference in the feelings of the older and younger ends of the spectrum.

2. If you dislike or hate AM radio, why? Most of the responses focused on specific complaints rather than a general negative feeling. Programming complaints surpassed technical ones.

Too many/all talk (shows)	32%	Only for sports	6%
Boring	26%	Old	4%
Static/fuzzy	19%	All news/dislike	3%
Has nothing I'm interested in	17%	Other	8%
I like music / AM has none	10%	Don't know	3%
Dislike its music	7%		

3. Which of the following words or phrases do you think describe AM radio? Of the 38, negative ones got more responses than positive ones ... but there were positive ones in there too.

For older people	48%	Getting better	9%
Boring	41%	Cares about you	9%
Out of date	28%	Fun	9%
Talky	27%	Cheerful	8%
Informative	23%	Energetic	8%
Local	19%	Exciting	8%
Annoying	18%	Crude	7%
Cares about your community	17%	For your age group	7%
Cool	14%	Relaxing	7%
Tired	13%	For younger people	6%
Serious	12%	Over-commercialized	6%
Interesting	12%	Funny	5%
Entertaining	12%	Repetitive	5%
Down to earth	11%	Silly	5%
Intelligent	11%	Sophisticated	5%
Dumb	11%	Trendy	5%
Controversial	10%	Loud	3%
Friendly	10%	Spontaneous	3%
Getting worse	10%	Offensive	2%

Overall ... not positive, but not entirely negative either. The results certainly seem to support those who say the major problem with AM radio is the programming rather than with the technical limitations of the band. And there is a pool to look for the next generation of MW DXers!

4. How does AM compare to other radio media? Converting responses to question #1 to a scale of 1 to 5 (1 = hate, 5 = love) and leaving out the "don't knows," AM is definitely at the bottom of the popularity chart, but not by much ... and FM has its challengers!

FM Radio	4.1	Sirius/XM	3.8	iTunes Radio	3.6
Pandora	4.1	iHeart Radio	3.7	AM Radio	3.1

Read the whole survey: <http://kassof.com/> or <http://kassof.com/2013/am-and-millennials/>

Radio Interference Measuring Has Changed

Philip A. Janquart – Courthouse News Service – Nov. 8, 2013

WASHINGTON (CN) - The Federal Communications Commission has issued regulations to protect AM radio station signals from distortion caused by communications towers and other structures.

The process of “proofing,” or “proving” a tower will not cause interference with other signals, will now be made easier by replacing the physical process of measuring an array of points in relation to a tower with “moment method” computer modeling, the action says.

This relatively new method employs software that does the measuring, calculations and other processes for engineers, saving time and money associated with conducting much of the proofing process in the field.

Proofing antenna systems is particularly important to AM radio tower operators.

Unlike other towers, AM radio towers function as the antenna, which makes AM signal patterns vulnerable to interference caused by other towers, such as broadcast or wireless operators.

“A nearby tower may become an unintended part of the AM antenna system, reradiating the AM signal and distorting the authorized AM radio pattern,” the FCC said in its action.

The new regulations are meant to help avoid that problem.

If the modeling shows the new or modified tower would distort the AM pattern by more than 2 decibels, the operator is responsible for installing a detuning system. A detuning system adjusts hardware to cancel out AM radiation.

All communication services are subject to the new regulations, which requires them to provide notice to any nearby AM station of their intent to build or modify a tower at least 30 days before construction. The notification provision also applies to buildings or any other structure where a new antenna may be built, or an existing one modified.

The FCC says the new regulations are based on proposals by an ad hoc technical group of radio broadcasters, equipment manufacturers and broadcast consulting engineers that make up the AM Directional Antenna Performance Verification Coalition.

The regulations are effective Dec. 5. (<http://www.courthousenews.com/2013/11/08/62801.htm>)

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NOAA Space Weather Outlook

Issued December 2 – For the period December 2-28, 2013

(From <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftplib/weekly/WKHF.txt>)

Solar activity is likely to be low with a slight chance for M-class flare activity (NOAA Scale R1-R2 / Minor-Moderate) throughout the outlook period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be normal to moderate levels throughout the outlook period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at predominately quiet levels throughout the outlook period with the following exceptions: quiet to active conditions on 02 December and quiet to unsettled conditions on 03 December with passage of the 28 November coronal mass ejection (CME), quiet to unsettled conditions on 06 December and quiet to active conditions on 07 - 08 December with onset of a positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS), quiet to unsettled conditions on 13 - 14 December with onset of a negative polarity CH HSS, quiet to active conditions on 26 - 27 December and quiet to unsettled conditions on 28 December with onset of a positive polarity CH HSS.

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